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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Majority prices in the major terminal markets were generally unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was seasonal, although slightly improved over early week interest. Offerings were not available as early week but supplies were still fully sufficient for trade requirements. In the parts structure, wings were irregular and usually reported as in the best position, balance of items were adequate to ample. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights ranged light to heavy, mostly desirable.

Preliminary report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers fob and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 11/26-12/01/01 (cents per lb)

US GRADE A

AREAS	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
(Including branded product)				
Delivered to First Receivers				
Chicago	50.00-53.00	50.00-57.00	52.30	23
Los Angeles	69.00			
New York	49.00-51.00			
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent				
Mississippi	61.00-64.00	49.00-65.00	63.47	79

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 64.00 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT

LOADS	RANGE	FRIDAY PRELIM. WTD. AVG.
570	58.40-66.25	63.90
Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice packed parts:		
ITEM	WTD. AVG. (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	191.50	1,121
BREASTS - B/S	126.00	3,691
BREASTS - WHOLE	58.50	1,019
THIGH MEAT - B/S	86.50	656
LEG QUARTERS	29.50	7,004
WINGS	86.50	2,597

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MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS The preliminary majority into the Chicago area was unchanged from last Monday's final. Whole fryer trade sentiment was barely steady to weak. Additional product offerings varied from plant to plant with very limited buyer interest. Retail and food service demand was irregular and spotty with fast food accounts providing the best movement. Floor stocks were closely balanced to fully adequate with sizes desirable. Trading on parts items was seasonally slow to instances fair. Supplies of all items were available with whole breasts and leg quarters in the longest position. The market tone was about steady with a weak undertone.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was steady. Retail demand was light to moderate. Supplies were available but in a better position than early week. Food service was moderate with fast food and restaurant business reported as moderate to good and as expected for post-holiday shopping. In the parts structure, leg quarters were adequate, breast ample and slow to clear, wings were irregular. Other items were at least adequate or available with mixed movement. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS The market tone was about steady with preliminary majorities unchanged from last week. Early trading reported was limited with prices unchanged on regular commitments, and new negotiations lower on heavy weights and unchanged to higher on lighter weights. Due to reduced slaughter schedules offerings were in fair balance on lighter weights and fully adequate on heavy weights. Retail demand light for whole body, moderate for parts, best by fast food. Dealers anticipated moderate weekend carryovers. Ads noted: Southern California - whole cut-up 118, boneless breasts 169-199, boneless leg meat 138, split breasts 87-129, leg quarters 10# bags 390, drumsticks 75.

NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was light and selective as dealers kept floor stocks to a minimum following the holiday. Offerings of all sizes were fully adequate. Movement through retail and distributive channels was seasonally light. The market tone was no better than steady. In the parts complex, bone-in breasts were fully adequate to ample. Boneless-skinless breasts were fully adequate. Leg quarters were readily available and slow in clearing. The balance was at least adequate.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds remained seasonally light and about as expected. Seller offerings were at least adequate and were generally noted as clearing satisfactorily. Live supplies were mostly moderate; weights varied in a full range of light to heavy. Processing schedules were light. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 53 to 67 cents. Trade sentiment was mostly steady. In the parts complex, all items remained at least adequate. Leg items were balanced to readily available. Bone-in breasts were ample.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

RANGE	48-67
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	54.06
NO. OF BOXES	8,709
CUMULATIVE	
11/19/01-11/23/01	54.97
11/20/00-11/24/00	57.63
NO. OF BOXES	
11/19/01-11/23/01	33,868
11/20/00-11/24/00	40,572

*8 of 8 plants reporting.

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SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	WEEKLY (000)	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	746	120.00-177.00	120-125	124.84	3,357	121.80
TENDERLOINS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				474	129.18
BREAST - LINE RUN	112	60.00-67.00	60-63	61.93	423	61.94
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				267	59.61
LEGS	88	39.00-55.00	39-41	40.45	360	40.42
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	392	22.00-26.00	23-25	23.61	1,310	23.20
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,750	26.00-31.50	26-27	26.69	4,280	26.69
WINGS (WHOLE)	300	79.00-93.00	88-90	88.70	1,020	89.99
WINGS (CUT)	235	94.00-109.00	94-96	96.23	1,742	99.29
DRUMSTICKS	64	47.00-55.00	-	47.06	355	47.68
THIGHS	55	45.00-55.00	-	46.82	216	46.97
B/S THIGHS	55	80.00-90.00	-	83.64	190	85.37

 WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
41.00 - 44.00	42.35	41.44

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS

Trucklot buying activity was seasonally slow. Dealers were cautious and generally chose to keep floorstocks closely balanced. Offerings of bone-in breasts were fully adequate to ample and competitively priced to stimulate interest. Boneless skinless breasts were fully adequate. Leg quarters were ample and slow to clear. Wings were at least adequate. Movement through retail and distributive channels was seasonally light to fair at best. The market tone was no better than steady to instances weak.

ICE PKD BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT & TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND.

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ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS	WEEKLY WTD AVG	WEEKLY VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	115	120.33	437,640	120.05	1,535,930
TENDERLOINS	100	103.20	79,120	102.76	309,293
BREAST - WITH RIBS	50-51	54.50	301,640	57.07	881,600
BREAST - LINE RUN	50	50.23	139,600	51.56	685,920
LEGS	39-40	43.01	220,120	42.89	703,760
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	24-25	27.57	258,092	27.17	1,288,808
DRUMSTICKS	39-40	39.82	115,660	40.39	361,530
THIGHS	37-38	41.52	97,890	42.14	270,780
B/S THIGHS	86-87	87.78	50,520	86.19	218,470
WINGS (WHOLE)	83-84	88.63	293,880	86.81	1,116,840
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.47	38,120	12.24	164,200
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	33.83	19,960	35.17	64,323
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60	63.44	20,240	62.72	85,850

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG)* TODAY'S NEG. SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WTD AVG PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WTS		ACTUAL WTS	
	11/23	11/22	11/21	11/20	11/21	11/20	11/16	11/14
ALA	3,011	(A)	3,682	3,973	4.96	5.08	3,845	5.10
ARK	4,695	(A)	5,034	5,109	4.93	4.96	5,755	4.99
DELMARVA	1,987	Holiday	2,146	2,285	4.94	5.01	2,507	4.92
KY-LA-TN	1,386	(A)	1,686	1,936	4.48	4.53	2,396	4.56
MISS	2,209	Holiday	2,317	2,776	4.91	5.11	2,892	5.03
NC	1,402	Holiday	2,304	2,459	5.89	5.94	2,655	5.94
TEXAS	1,618	(A)	2,395	2,445	4.84	4.95	2,593	4.84
TOTAL	16,308	544	19,564	20,983	5.00	5.08	22,643	5.08
MON-FRI	79,322(B)						81,297(B)	

(B) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. (A) Not reported to avoid disclosing individual operations. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 23-Nov 01 and 24-Nov-01 is estimated to be 24,399,000 down 28.19 percent from a week ago and up 19.7 percent from a year ago. (Last week 33,978,000; last year 20,388,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 24-Nov-01 is estimated to be 114,248,000 head down 25.0 percent from a week ago, and up 2.4 percent from a year ago. (Last week 152,275,000 Last year 111,581,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY,
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	85-87
ROASTERS 4# & UP	71-90
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	
DUCKS	139
RABBITS-WHOLE	
RABBITS-CUT UP	

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK 94-95
	DRY PACK 96-104
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK 104-113
	DRY PACK 113-123
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK 98
	DRY PACK 91
DUCKS	152-166

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED Under federal inspection, classified by live weight, week ending November 10 2001

(Preliminary), (A) Fast food/ Food service (B) Retail (C) Deboning
4.20 Lbs & down 4.21-5.25 Lbs 5.26 Lbs & Up

	4.20 Lbs & down	4.21-5.25 Lbs	5.26 Lbs & Up
Head	27,424	27,750	44,272
Avg Weight	3.80	4.76	6.28
% of total /1	28%	28%	45%

COMPARISONS

Last week	29,586	28,217	44,088
Avg Weight	3.77	4.69	6.23
% of total /1	29%	28%	43%
Same week, yr ago /2	33,346	28,219	39,933
Avg Weight	3.77	4.82	6.22
% of total /1	33%	28%	39%
To date/2001	1,404,113	1,246,052	1,959,577
To date/2000	1,484,176	1,507,617	1,823,731

/1 May not total to 100% due to rounding.

/2 Comparable week.

(A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include cornish hens.

(B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.

(C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

WEEK ENDING 17-Nov-2001 (PRELIMINARY)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
HEAD	152,275(A)	1,568	1,545	3,113	486
AVG WT	5.10	3.42	8.03	5.71	6.64
LAST WEEK	154,526	1,844	1,431	3,275	502
SAME WK YR AGO	148,934	1,858	1,411	3,269	500
AVG WT	5.06	3.56	7.78	5.38	6.46
TO-DATE/2001	7,092,574	82,084	63,804	145,888	23,159
TO-DATE/2000	7,113,828	87,441	66,942	154,383	20,705

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 148.1 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 154.1 million head or 6.0 million head more than or 104 percent of estimated fryers available.

EAST PETERSBURG POULTRY - DATE OF AUCTION: NOV 20, 2001

PRICES PAID PER POUND, EXCEPT AS NOTED

	RANGE	RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	.70 - .92	Silkie 1.75 -2.25ea
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	.70 - .82	Geese 9-14 LBS .20 - .34
Pekin Ducks	.20 - .32	Pigeons 2.00 -2.50ea
Red Fowl 4-4.5 LBS	.20 - .48	White Pigeons 2.75 -3.00ea
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.40 - .72	Rabbits 4-6 LBS .90 -1.44
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS	.40 - .82	Rabbits 7-11 LBS .90 -1.10
Crossbred Roosters 4-6 LBS	.30 - .94	Bunnies 1.00 -5.50ea
Crossbred Roosters 7-11 LBS	.40 - .88	Guinea Pigs .10 -1.50ea
Guinea Fowl	.75 -1.20	Doves 3.00 -5.00ea
Banty Roosters	2.50-6.00ea	Pullets 4-6 LBS .60 - .74
Banty Hens	1.50-3.30ea	
Leghorn Hens	.12 - .22	Total Coops Sold 676

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY for THE WEEK OF 12-NOV-2001

DUCKLINGS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A, 4-5 POUNDS, DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
LONG ISLAND	137	143
MOSTLY		

MIDWEST	122-126	123-127
MOSTLY		

ROASTERS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 POUNDS AND UP, DELIVERED

	RANGE	MOSTLY
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	64-69	68-69
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	65-85	68-75

SQUABS: NEW YORK AREA WHOLESALE PRICES, FROZEN, PLANT GRADE, DOLLARS PER DOZEN, 1 TO 10 BOXES

12 OZ.	60.48-69.66
14 OZ.	66.96-76.14
16 OZ.	73.44-83.43

THE EASTERN REGION INCLUDES:

CT,DE,FL,GA,MA,MD,ME,NC,NH,NJ,NY,PA RI,SC,VA,VT,WV

CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS Prices unchanged. Trade sentiment steady. Demand was moderate to good. Sizes were desirable. Slaughter schedules were reduced this week due to the Thanksgiving holiday. Prices paid to first receivers for 10-18oz boneless breast at \$5.00-5.25, bone in legs at \$1.35-1.38, gizzards at \$1.35-1.40, wings at \$.50-.75, livers at \$.50-1.50, and feet at \$.90-1.15.

PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, WEEK OF 19-NOV-2000

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS	116-124	125
MOSTLY		

ESTIMATED U.S. SLAUGHTER COMPARED TO ESTIMATED FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING.

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT	
OCTOBER	13	158.4	155.3	102	5.04
	20	158.8	154.2	103	5.12
	27	158.6	155.7	102	5.04
NOVEMBER	3	157.4	155.4	101	5.26
	10	156.4	151.8	103	4.93
	17	154.1	148.1	104	5.10
YEAR TO DATE	7,178.9	7,110.4	101		
NOVEMBER	24	149.1			
DECEMBER	1	152.5			

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

W/E	11/24/01	11/17/01	% CHG	11/18/00	% CHG
Broilers	114,248	152,275*	-25	111,581*	+2.4
Cattle	589	656	-10	603*	-2
Hogs	1,795	2,044	-12	1,764*	+2

Under Federal Inspection

* ACTUAL

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Majority prices were generally unchanged on both heavy and light canners when compared to a week earlier. Demand ranged fair to good. Supplies were adequate to instances short. Undertone was at least steady on lights, at least steady to fully steady on heavy canners.

CENTS/POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, W/O FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
26-27 MAJORITY 26.5	33-39 MAJORITY 33-35

CENTS/POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	HEAVY CANNER HENS (WITHOUT NECKS)
26-28.5 MAJORITY 26.5-27	34-41 MAJORITY 34.5-36.5

EASTERN LIGHT Prices were unchanged. Offerings were adequate to fully adequate with processing schedules increased next week over current week reduced holiday schedules. Demand was light to fair and generally unaggressive. Canners movement was moderate for the about adequate offerings. The undertone was steady.

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Trading was too few to report. Demand was light for fully adequate offerings for next week. Finished sales were moderate. Schedules were sufficient for needs. Trade sentiment was steady at best.

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices unchanged. Demand was light with offerings adequate for reduced production line times. Slaughter schedules normal for next week. Trade sentiment steady.

LIVE HENS

Cents per pound, generally for slaughter the following week.

HEAVY	RANGE	MAJORITY
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR	(1)
Southeast Heavy	TFEWR	(2)
f.o.b. plant	TFEWR	
South Central Heavy	TFEWR	(1)

LIGHT	RANGE	MAJORITY
Eastern Light	0-0	(1)
Eastern Light	0-0	(2)
So. Central Light	TFEWR	(2)
No. Central Light	TFEWR	(1)
No. Central Light	0	(2)
(1) Buyer Loading	(2) Producer Loading	

(TFEWR) TOO FEW TO REPORT

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was moderate but not as active. Offering were at least adequate for the reduced holiday schedules. Canner supplies were adequate to tight and clearing satisfactorily. The undertone was at least steady.

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Trading was too few to report. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings of heavy hens. Sales of dressed product were fair. Schedules were planned to resume normal operation following the holiday. Trade sentiment was steady.

WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Plants worked light slaughter schedules. Demand was adequate. Offerings were in fair balance.

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